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SUBJECT: (Dr.) Peter Bruno Kleist and Klausson

Our records show that Bruno Kleist was born in Marienburg, East Prussia, on September 21, 1904 and that he is of German nationality and that his present title is Ministerialdirigent. *at Germany*

Our first record of Bruno Kleist is that he visited Sweden in September 1943, and while there showed a great deal of interest in Latvian refugees. Our source believed him identical with an agent of Ribbentrop who visited Lithuania in May 1933. This agent is an expert on the Baltic States. The Scandinavian Desk has a photograph, said to be of the agent; however, as the report is worded, it is not clear whether the photograph is a known photograph of Kleist or merely of the agent believed identical with Kleist.

Records of arrivals at Stockholm airport show that Kleist arrived on the sixth of June 1944 and again on June 23, 1944. He is said to have remained in Stockholm. On June 25, 1944 Kleist conferred with Bruchmann, First Secretary of the Finnish Legation in Stockholm. In his conversation he outlined reasons for maintaining Finnish-German solidarity. He insisted that Germany could hold the front in the Baltics, that she would repel all invasions, and finally crush Russia. He seemed to place great trust in the Robot bombs. He at first denied that Ribbentrop had gone to Helsinki. In his whole argument he seemed very uncertain.

It is further reported that it is common gossip that a meeting took place on June 27th between Kleist and Nikitouchew and Semenov, First Counsellor of the Soviet Legation in Stockholm. It is further said that the Japanese Minister to Sweden served as the go-between who introduced Kleist to the Russian official.

According to another report, Kleist sought contact with Semenov through a White Russian named Klausson. Klausson made contact with the Russian Legation on June 26, where he possibly saw Semenov. Whether this visit brought about Kleist's conference with Semenov on June 27 is not known.

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